THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI MATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The quantum of auxiliary power utilised and quantum of power generated in each sector in the country is given below :—

Year	Auxiliary power consumption (%)			Hydro Generation (MU)			
	Thermal	Hydro	Nuclear	Thermal	Hydro	Nuclear	Total
1997-98	8.71	N.A.*	N.A.	336104	74476	10042	420622
1998-99	8.77	N.A.*	N.A.	353662	82690	12015	448367

*As per Government of India tariff notification this is 1% of power generated which comprises 0.5% for auxiliary consumption and 0.5% transformation losses.

(c) Based on information received from 13 State Electricity Boards (SEBs) for the year 1997-98, the estimated average cost of power generation from Thermal and Hydel Power Stations for the 13 SEBs taken together was of the order of 139 paise (P)/Kwh and 43 paise(P)/Kwh respectively.

Based on information received from 7 SEBs for the year 1998-99, the estimated average cost of power generation for Thermal and Hydel Power Stations for the 7 SEBs taken together was of the order of 151 P/Kwh and 62.60 P/Kwh respectively.

The tariff for sale of power from Nuclear Power Stations during the year 1996—2001 various from Rs. 0.82 to Rs. 2.13/Kwh.

Kavas and Gandhar Power Project in Gujarat

†2867. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the name of the company to which govermment have awarded or considering to award the contract for the construction and supply of equipments for the second phase of Kavas and Gandhar power projects at Gujarat;

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(b) whether National Thermal Power Corporation had submitted any proposal to the government for construction and supply of equimpments for the second phase of above projects;

(c) if so, whether government had approved its proposal;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (e) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) received two bids under International Competitive Bidding (ICB) for Main Plant Package for Stage-II of Kavas and Gandhar power projects in Gujarat. Both the bidders did not meet qualifying requirements relating to Joint Deed of Undertaking and took major deviations on various specifications, operational functional guarantees, completion schedule and other important conditions of the bid rendering the bids non-responsive.

Keeping in view national importance of these projects and for ensuring their timely completion during the Ninth Plan period, NTPC was advised by the Ministry in the public interest to finalise the bids by negotiating with the bidders on the basis of a legal opinion taken from the Additional Solicitor General. However, NTPC, taking into account certain major deviations on various specifications and requirements, treated both the bids as non-responsive and decided to rebid. Government has left the matter to the NTPC Board being a Navratna Company for a decision. A review of the bidding conditions has been undertaken by NTPC and rebidding is being done by providing adequate time to the bidders for better competition and response.

Disinvestment in Power Sector

†2868. SHRI GOPAL SINGH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that government are making a plan to disinvest power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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